

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS



On Proposed Modification to the Hazardous Waste Facility Permit for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

- WHO:** The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) and Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC (WTS)
- WHAT:** DOE and WTS will conduct public meetings to provide information on the proposed Class 3 permit modification to manage, store and dispose of remote-handled transuranic waste at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). A 120-day public comment period will begin July 3, 2002. Written comments must be submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED).
- WHEN:** Tuesday, October 1, 2002
5 – 7 p.m.
Thursday, October 3, 2002
3 – 5 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m.
- WHERE:** Skeen-Whitlock Building
4021 National Parks Highway
Carlsbad, New Mexico
Courtyard by Marriott
3347 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, New Mexico
- WHY:** On June 28, 2002, CBFO submitted the following Class 3 permit modification request to NMED: ***Remote-Handled Transuranic Waste modification request (formal title: Request for RCRA Class 3 Permit Modification in Accordance with 20.4.1.900 NMAC Incorporating 40 CFR Part 270).***
The request seeks to allow the management, storage, and disposal of remote-handled transuranic mixed waste at WIPP. A Waste Analysis Plan that describes the methods DOE will use to characterize remote-handled transuranic waste prior to shipment to WIPP is included in the modification request. In addition, the request seeks to modify the state permit to include facility, waste handling process and procedure changes specific to remote-handled transuranic waste at WIPP.
- HOW:** To obtain additional information about this Class 3 permit modification request, contact Ms. Susan Scott, WTS, at 1-800-336-9477. The proposed permit modification is available on the WIPP Web site at <http://www.wipp.ws> and at the WIPP Information Center, Skeen-Whitlock Building, 4021 National Parks Highway, Carlsbad, New Mexico. A copy of the modification request is also available at the NMED office at the address listed below.
- COMMENTS:** Written comments for the record must be sent to the NMED contact person no later than 5 p.m. on October 30, 2002, at the following address:
Mr. Steve Zappe
New Mexico Environment Department
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
Phone: 505-428-2517
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The permittees' compliance history during the life of the permit being modified is also available from Mr. Steve Zappe.
- QUESTIONS:** If you have questions or comments relative to this permit modification request and would like them addressed by the permittees, please submit them to Ms. Susan Scott, WTS, P.O. Box 2078, Carlsbad, NM, 88221 no later than October 23, 2002.